

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1                   1.       A method for annotating an item in a user interface of a media  
2   production system, the method comprising  
3                    accepting signals from a user input device to select a part of a production  
4   being processed by the media production system;  
5                    creating annotation information; and  
6                    storing the annotation information in association with the selected part of the  
7   production.
- 1                   2.       The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2                    accepting signals from a user input device to create the annotation  
3   information.
- 1                   3.       The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes text  
2   information.
- 1                   4.       The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes capture of  
2   drawing information.
- 1                   5.       The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes audio  
2   information.
- 1                   6.       The method of claim 1, wherein the annotation information is  
2   automatically generated by a process executing on a digital system.
- 1                   7.       The method of claim 6, further comprising  
2                    wherein the annotation information is automatically generated at a  
3   predetermined time.
- 1                   8.       The method of claim 6, further comprising  
2                    wherein the annotation information is automatically generated upon the  
3   occurrence of a predetermined event.
- 1                   9.       A method for conveying the state of an application program to a  
2   remote location, the method comprising  
3                    determining to capture the current state of operation of the application  
4   program;  
5                    saving one or more settings of a current environment of the application  
6   program as a recorded environment; and  
7                    transferring the recorded environment to a remote location.
- 1                   10.      The method of claim 9, further comprising

2 storing an image of a screen display for retrieval by a process at the remote  
3 location if the remote location is unable to recreate the state of the application program.

1 11. A method for recreating the state of an application program at a  
2 process executing at a location remote from the application program, wherein a recorded  
3 environment includes settings for recreating the state of the application program, the method  
4 comprising

5 receiving, over a digital network, the recorded environment;  
6 executing another instance of the application program at the location remote  
7 from the application program; and

8 using the instance and the recorded environment to recreate the state of the  
9 application program at the location remote from the application program.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein an image of the state of the  
2 application program is stored on a network, the method further comprising  
3 determining that the instance cannot be used to recreate the state of the  
4 application program at the location remote from the application program; and  
5 in response to the step of determining, displaying the stored image at the  
6 location remote from the application program.

1 13. A method for providing control of an application executing on a first  
2 digital system at a first location to a user of a second digital system at a second location,  
3 wherein the first and second digital systems are coupled by a communication link; wherein  
4 the application includes a user interface control to modify a parameter, wherein the first and  
5 second digital systems include first and second user input devices, respectively; the method  
6 comprising  
7 accepting signals from the first user input device to associate the user interface  
8 control with the second user input device; and  
9 accepting signals generated by the second user input device at the first digital  
10 system to modify the parameter.